

Remarks

Claims 1-43 are currently pending. Claims 1, 2, 15, 23-25, 42 and 43 stand rejected as anticipated by the cited Fahle patent. Claims 14 and 36 stand rejected as obvious in view of the combination of the Fahle patent and the cited Donaldson patent. Claim 15 stands rejected as indefinite.

Claims 3-13, 16-22, 26-35, and 37-41 stand objected to, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form.

Claims 1, 15, and 24 have been amended. Claims 3 and 26 have been cancelled. No new matter has been added. Applicants respectfully traverse the rejections, and request reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims.

Regarding the Claims.

Applicants thank the Examiner for acknowledging the allowable subject matter of Applicants' as-filed claims. To that end, Applicants now amend independent claim 1 to include the limitations of claim 3, and also amend independent claim 24 to include the limitations of claim 26. These amendments moot the Examiner's previously stated grounds for rejection; the alleged prior art taken singly or in combination fails to anticipate or suggest the limitations of the amended independent claims or their respective dependent claims.

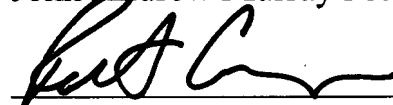
Claim 15 has also been amended to more clearly provide antecedent basis for the "T" limitation.

Conclusion

It is respectfully submitted that claims 1, 2, 4-25, and 27-43 are in condition for allowance, and Applicants respectfully request that allowance be granted at the earliest date possible. Should the Examiner have any questions or comments regarding Applicants' response, the Examiner is asked to contact Applicants' undersigned

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Respectfully submitted,
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